



**Frank Keating**  
Governor

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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY  
OF STATE

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 97-03**

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I, Frank Keating, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, pursuant to the powers vested in me by Section 2 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution have caused a survey to be made, to the extent possible, in the counties of Adair, Sequoyah, and LeFlore, and the surrounding areas affected by recent storms and flooding on February 20 and 21, 1997, and have determined an emergency exists necessitating emergency measures for the protection of the public peace, health, and safety and the preservation of the lives and property of the people of this State.

It is necessary to provide for the rendering of mutual aid among the State and political subdivisions of the State and to cooperate with the federal government with respect to carrying out disaster emergency functions during the continuance of the state of emergency pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Civil Defense and Emergency Resources Management Act.

In addition, it is also necessary to provide state financial assistance to the political subdivisions affected, pursuant to the provisions of the State Contingency and Emergency Fund Act.

Therefore, I hereby declare and order that:

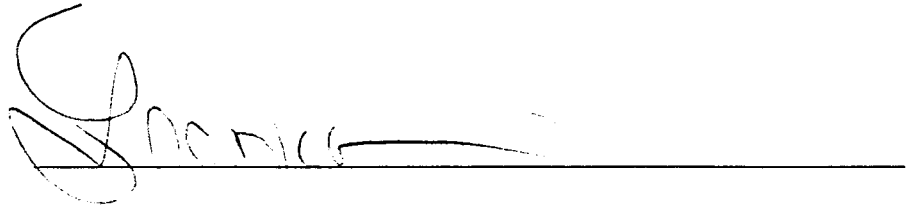
1. A disaster emergency caused by severe storms and flooding in the political subdivisions of Adair, Sequoyah, and LeFlore Counties, and surrounding areas which has threatened the lives and property of the people of this State and the peace, health, and safety of the public has occurred.
2. The resources of all State departments and agencies available to meet the emergency are hereby committed to the reasonable extent necessary to prevent, minimize, and repair injury and damage and to protect lives, the same to be coordinated by the

Director of the Department of Civil Emergency Management with comparable functions of the federal government and political subdivisions of the State.

3. This declaration of emergency shall terminate as provided in 63 O.S. 1991, Section 683.3(3) of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed at Oklahoma City, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1997.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. D. Nichols", is written over a horizontal line.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dawn Amundson", is written over a horizontal line.  
Secretary of State ASSISTANT